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SUBJECT: US/ARGENTINA: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
COLLABORATION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

1. SCIENCE COUNSELOR MET THIS WEEK WITH CARLOS LUIS
TRONGE, HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH RELATIONS FOR THE
SECRETARIAT OF STATE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, MINISTRY OF
SOCIAL WELFARE.

2. DR. TRONGE INDICATED THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE
WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING AN AGREEMENT OF
COOPERATION IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES WITH THE US. WE
REVIEWED THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, & WELFARE AND THE
ARGENTINE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR HEALTH COOPERATION WHICH
WAS PREPARED IN 1974. TRONGE INDICATED THE TEXT OF THE
AGREEMENT IS STILL OF CURRENT INTEREST TO ARGENTINA AND
THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE EXTENT OF US INTEREST IN THIS
PARTICULAR AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME. SCIENCE COUNSELOR MENTIONED TO
TRONGE THAT THE ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES IN THE US WAS IN THE
PROCESS OF BEING REORGANIZED AND THE SEVERAL AGENCIES
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ARE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, WE ASSUMED THE DEPARTMENT OF
HEW WOULD STILL BE LEAD AGENCY ON INTERNATIONAL
HEALTH MATTERS.

3. IN ADDITION, SINCE SEVERAL YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE
DISCUSSION ON THIS PARTICULAR HEALTH AGREEMENT
THERE MAY BE OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST TO BE

INCLUDED OR CHANGED.

4. SCIENCE COUNSELOR INDICATED TO TRONGE THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WOULD BE TRANSMITTED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS FOR A REVIEW BY DOS AND DHEW.

5. TRONGE EMPHASIZED THAT HEALTH RESEARCH COOPERATION WITH THE US WAS OF HIGH IMPORTANCE TO THE GOA, AND HE WAS ADVISED PERSONALLY BY THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO MOVE AHEAD AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE ON THIS AGREEMENT WITH THE US.

6. COMMENTS: A COPY OF THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DHEW AND MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE IS BEING POUCHED TO MR. CHARLES GORSEY, OES, DOS, WITH EMBASSY COMMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL FIELDS OF INTEREST, SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

-- WE WOULD APPRECIATE DOS AND DHEW REVIEW OF THIS DOCUMENT AND REMARKS CONCERNING AREAS OF INTEREST OR POSSIBLE NEW FIELDS OF RESEARCH FOR COOPERATION.

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-- SCIENCE COUNSELOR UNDERSTANDS THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND THE NIH, AT LEAST IN INITIAL JOINT CONFERENCES OR WORKSHOPS TO DEVELOP RESEARCH AREAS FOR COOPERATION. THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE THE FIRST STEP, AND PERHAPS COULD BE RELATED TO THE CONFERENCE ON S&T IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES THIS COMING AUGUST.
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